

NSC BRIEFING

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

21 DECEMBER 1955

BACKGROUND  
23 DEC MEETING OF SUPREME SOVIET

- I. Supreme Soviet will convene on 23 Dec--  
second occasion in history there have been  
three meetings in same year (last time was  
'39, when first session routine, second  
dealt with Nazi-Soviet Pact, third concerned  
dismemberment Poland).
  - A. Already announced that 23 Dec session  
will deal with '56 budget.
  - B. In addition, we expect travelling  
salesmen (Bulganin & Khrushchev) to  
report on South Asia trek: in this con-  
nection, may announce Soviet economic  
program for underdeveloped areas.
  - C. Also possible that leadership changes  
could be announced. However, if any  
Presidium members are in trouble (maybe  
Molotov?), matter would more logically  
be delayed until mid-Feb '56 Party  
Congress.